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A.PE
Preliminary Amendment
ABST
Abstract
ADS
Application Data Sheet
AF/D
Affidavit or Exhibit Received
APPENDIX
Appendix
ARTIFACT
Artifact
CLM
Claim
COMPUTER
Computer Program Listing
CRFL
CRF Transfer Request
CRFS
Computer Readable Form Statement
DIST
Terminal Disclaimer Filed
DRW
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Foreign Reference
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APPL PARTS

NPL
Non-Patent Literature
OATH
Oath or Declaration
PET
Petition
SEQLIST
Sequence Listing
SPEC
Specification
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